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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT MT. PLEASANT LOCAL OFFICE ANNOUNCES OFFICE DAY SCHEDULE

MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS, April 3, 2006 – Representatives of USDA Rural Development, Mt. Pleasant Local Office, will be holding Office Days for residents of Bowie, Camp, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus counties. Local staff members will be available to provide information, assist with applications, and answer questions regarding the housing, business, and community programs offered by the Agency.

Office Days will be held as follows:

The first Wednesday of each month, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, Sulphur Springs USDA Service Center, 540 Hillcrest Dr, # C, (903) 885-4433, ext. 2.

The first Thursday of each month, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, New Boston USDA Service Center, 905 Hwy. 82, (903) 628-6509, ext. 2.

The second Wednesday of each month, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, Linden USDA Service Center, 207 Hwy. 8 North, (903) 756-5431, ext. 2.

The third Thursday of each month, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, Paris USDA Service Center, 1745 Ballard Dr., Suite A, (903) 784-6679, ext. 2

Housing Programs offered by USDA Rural Development provide rural residents financial assistance in the form of a home loan with affordable interest rates. Loans may be used to repair or purchase an existing home or for the construction of a new home. These programs allow low and moderate income households the opportunity to obtain modest, decent, safe and sanitary housing.

USDA Rural Development Community Programs are designed to enhance the growth and economic opportunities of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development Community Programs have awarded \$1.8 billion to Texas communities, and touched the lives of more than 1.1 million rural residents.

Business plays a vital role in the economic stability of rural Texas. With USDA Rural Development Business and Cooperative Programs, rural businesses can gain access to funds that normally would not be available to them. Businesses and cooperatives can increase the economic opportunities in their communities throughout rural Texas.

For further information, please contact the Mt. Pleasant Local Office at 903-572-5411, Ext. 4, or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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